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The Honorable Steven Bradford Senate Public Safety Committee, Chair 1020 O Street, Room 545 Sacramento, CA 95814

ASSEMBLY BILL 1732 (PATTERSON) SUPPORT Senate Public Safety Committee

Dear Senator Bradford:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1732 (Patterson).

AB 1732 reestablishes the "Yellow Alert" system, which authorizes a law enforcement agency to issue a "Yellow Alert" if a person has been killed due to a hit-and-run incident and the law enforcement agency has specified information concerning the suspect or the suspect's vehicle.

From 2010 to 2019, fatal hit-and-runs in California rose from 2,948 to 3,056. To assist in solving the most serious hit and run incidents, California established the Yellow Alert System in 2015. Unfortunately, the statute authorizing the use of the Yellow Alert System sunsetted in 2019.

Hit and run accidents are some of the most difficult crimes for law enforcement to solve. It is not uncommon for nearly half of hit and run fatalities to go unsolved. In order to assist law enforcement in solving more of these serious crimes, it is time to reestablish the Yellow Alert System.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE GASCÓN District Attorney

cc: Assembly Member Patterson

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